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MAPUTO FOR YOUNG PARTY

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG VISIT TO KHARTOUM

1. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SUDAN GOV REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT HERE MAY 23-25 OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND PARTY. AS THEIR INVITED GUEST, SUDAN GOV WANTS VERY MUCH FOR VISIT TO PROCEED SMOOTHLY AND WE CONFIDENT IT WILL DO ITS UTMOST TO ASSURE SUCCESS OF VISIT. SIMILARLY, AS HIGHEST RANKING US OFFICIAL TO VISIT KHARTOUM IN DECADE, AT LEAST, EMBASSY ALSO WISHES MAKE SURE ALL GOES WELL. VISIT COINCIDES WITH NIMEIRI'S INAUGURATION MAY 24 AND MAY REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY MAY 25, WHICH MAY COMPLICATE SODAN GOV EFFORTS TO PREPARE FOR VISIT.

2. APPOINTMENTS: AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL SEE NIMEIRI, FONMIN KHALID AND PROBABLY PRIMIN. IN ADDITION, SUDAN GOV. WILL
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EXPECT HIM ATTEND NIMEIRI INAUGURATION AND PROBABLY SOME OTHER EVENTS DURING MAY 24-25 FESTIVITIES. OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT FIRM SCHEDULE NOT RPT NOT YET AVAILABLE SINCE TOP OFFICIALS PRESENTLY OUT OF TOWN AND THAT, BECAUSE OTHER HIGH LEVEL DELEGATIONS WILL BE IN KHARTOUM (E.G. 17 EGYPTIAN CABINET MINISTERS AND PROBABLY EGYPTIAN PRIMIN ALSO), IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE DEVOTE

UNDIVIDED ATTENTION TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT HE WILL HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY SEEING TOP LEADERS HERE. HOPE THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY BRIEF AMBASSADOR AND MEMBERS HIS TEAM, INCLUDING, IF THEY DESIRE, PRESS, AND ALSO HOPE AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL HAVE MOMENT MEET EMBASSY STAFF. IN ADDITION, UN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING UNHCR REP, HAVE REQUESTED OPPORTUNITY MEET AMBASSADOR YOUNG.

3. ARRIVAL: AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE HAS BEEN INFORMALLY GIVEN, AND OUR REQUEST FOR BLANKET VISAS ALSO AGREED TO. OUR INTENTION IS TO PRE-REGISTER MEMBERS YOUNG PARTY AT HOTEL AND HAVE TRUCK BRING BAGGAGE TO HOTEL. SUDAN GOV. HAS PROMISED PROVIDE AUTOMOBILES WHICH WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY EMBASSY VEHICLES. WILL ATTEMPT ARRANGE HAVE CARS NUMBERED AND ASSIGNED TO INDIVIDUALS.

4. HOTELS: SUDAN GOV. WILL ARRANGE SUITE FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG. ALL MEMBERS PARTY INCLUDING FLIGHT CREW AND PRESS HAVE RESERVATIONS AT HILTON HOTEL. FYI-GRAND HOTEL CLOSED FOR RENOVATION. END FYI. DUE TO SHORTAGE OF HOTEL SPACE DURING PERIOD OFFICIAL CELEBRATIONS, ONLY HANDFUL SINGLE ROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH MOST MEMBERS OF PARTY UNFORTUNATELY OCCUPYING DOUBLE ROOMS. PLEASE ADVISE IF CONTROL ROOM IN HOTEL DESIRED. MAY BE ADEQUATE TO ASSIGN EMBASSY OFFICER AND AMERICAN SECRETARY TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SUITE TO ASSIST WITH CALLS, MESSAGES, ETC.

5. PRESS: PLEASE INFORM MEMBERS PRESS THAT PAO PRESENTLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT RPT NOT IN KHARTOUM, BUT EXPERIENCED USIS LOCAL AND CHIEF ECON SECTION (WHO HELPED WITH MANY VIP VISITS DURING PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT IN CAIRO) WILL ASSIST PRESS. ALSO EXPECT SUDAN GOV. GIVE FULL COOPERATION TO PRESS. ALSO EXPECT SUDAN GOV GIVE FULL COOPERATION TO PRESS. AS NOTED ABOVE, CHARGE WILLING BRIEF PRESS ON US-SUDAN RELATIONS IF THEY WISH.

6. OTHER: REGRET WE UNABLE PROVIDE DETAILED AGENDA BUT WILL DO SO ASAP. PLEASE INFORM US SOONEST RE ANY SPECIFIC MEETINGS YOU WISH US MAKE OTHER THAN THOSE SUGGESTED ABOVE. COMMENTS ON ABOVE AND ANY OTHER INFO, GUIDANCE OR REQUESTS ALSO WELCOME. SUMMARY CURRENT ISSUES US-SUDAN RELATIONS AND SUBJECTS SUDANESE LIKELY TO RAISE DURING VISIT BEING SENT SEPTELS.
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